

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

[[“]] A cigar cutter ~~has device comprising~~ a pair of blades movable in pivoting about an axis. Cutting edges are integrated with gear teeth on each of the blades. The gear teeth meshingly engage during pivoting of the cutting edges, such that the cutting edges move simultaneously and symmetrically about their respective pivotal axes. An integrated handle may be formed in the blades to provide additional mechanical advantage, and a catch mechanism and slider mechanism may be provided that temporarily limit movement of the blades and limit the extent of movement of the blades, respectively. The cutting edges are concave and symmetrical in one example of a cigar cutter, and each including a sharp edge presenting an inside face co-operating in a cutting plane with the inside face of the sharp edge of the other blade, the device including mechanical coupling mechanism for coupling pivoting of the two blades about their respective pivot axes, the mechanical coupling mechanism comprising at least two toothed portions secured respectively to each of the blades, and co-operating by meshing in such a manner as to enable the blades to move simultaneously and symmetrically about a middle axis, the sharp edges presenting respective leading profiles that are concave and symmetrical to each other above the axis, the profiles preferably being substantially semicircular.[[”]]